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I. THE COMMUNIST BLOC

Chinese Communists pressing rebels hard in southeastern Tibet; large group of Tibetans hopes to enter India. ①

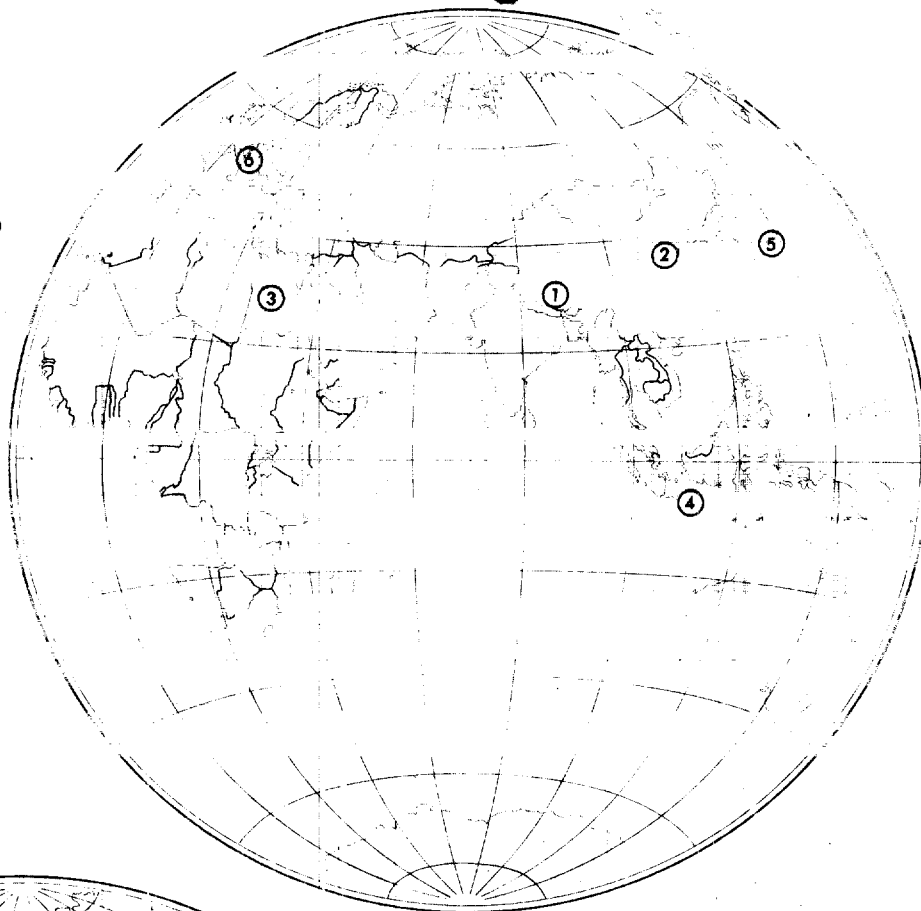
Communist China may be preparing to produce MIG-19 fighter with Soviet assistance. ②

II. ASIA-AFRICA

Cairo to receive three more de-
stroyers and mine sweepers from
USSR. ③

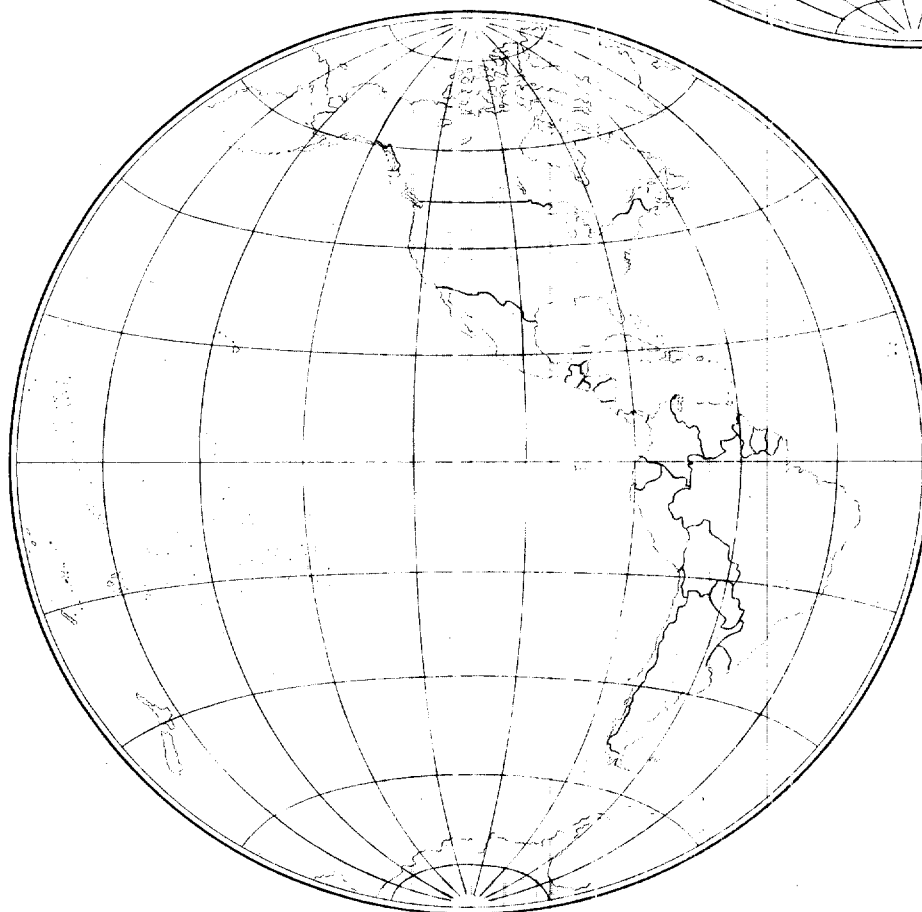
Indonesian Army continuing efforts
to strengthen political position and
to acquire more arms from West-
ern and bloc sources. ④

Japan - Key gubernatorial and mu-
nicipal elections on 23 April. ⑤



LATE ITEM

- ⑥ Soviet note protesting nuclear arms for West Germany further move to soften Western position in forthcoming negotiations.



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*Tibet: (Rebels in southeastern Tibet are being hard pressed by Communist forces using aircraft and artillery. [redacted])

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rebel forces consider most of the southeast area lost. A large group of armed Khamba tribesmen and other Tibetans are reported to be camped near the Indian border. They are short of food and ammunition and are said to be under constant Chinese Communist attack. They hope to obtain permission to proceed into India near the point where the Dalai Lama entered.) [redacted]

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Communist China: Communist China may be preparing to produce the **FARMER** (MIG-19) twin-jet interceptor with Soviet assistance. Soviet fighter production experts, known to be in China, are affiliated with a department of the Soviet Engineering Directorate which has accounted for some of the sharp increase noted recently in Soviet military deliveries to China. Some of the Soviet production experts have been associated with a **FARMER** engine factory in the USSR.

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*USSR-UAR: Cairo agreed on 14 April to accept delivery from the Soviet Union of two destroyers in the second quarter of 1959 and one destroyer in the third quarter. Cairo is also to receive delivery of some Soviet mine sweepers--probably four--at once. These deliveries apparently are to be made under a new Soviet-UAR arms deal recently completed. Details of this agreement are not known. The Soviet Union has already provided the UAR with two destroyers, nine submarines, six mine sweepers, and 37 motor torpedo boats. [redacted]

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Indonesia: The Indonesian Army is continuing its efforts to strengthen its political position and is exploring ways of curtailing the influence of the Indonesian Communist party. The army, meanwhile, continues to approach both Western and Soviet bloc sources for military supplies. (Prime Minister Djuanda is expected to discuss present and future bloc aid programs when he visits Moscow this summer.)

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Japan: The contests between the ruling conservatives and the Socialists for the governorships of Tokyo, Osaka, Hokkaido, and Fukuoka in Japan's local elections on 23 April will provide a measure of relative conservative and Socialist strength. Prime Minister Kishi regards a conservative victory as essential. The results will have an impact on the position of Kishi's Liberal Democratic party in the June upper-house elections.

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III. CONCLUSIONS OF SPECIAL USIB COMMITTEE ON BERLIN SITUATION

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 (The USIB has taken note of the following conclusions reached by its special committee on the Berlin situation. The committee pointed out that its conclusions were to be used in context with SNIE 100-2-59 (24 February 1959) and with the review of that estimate in SNIE 100-2/1-59 (17 March 1959):)

(1. There are as yet no clear indications of specific Soviet tactics at Geneva, but there have been several recent indications that the USSR will be prepared to discuss some issues other than a German peace treaty and Berlin, particularly security and disengagement proposals.)

• (2. The fact that the United States went ahead with a second C-130 high-altitude flight in spite of British representations has probably impressed Moscow as to the seriousness of US intentions on questions affecting air)

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(access rights. Moscow's propaganda reaction was sharper than over the first flight. However, its total handling of the matter still suggests the USSR will seek to avoid serious incidents in the air corridors in the near future while endeavoring to extract the maximum propaganda advantage.)

(3. The USSR will not turn over access controls to the GDR in the near future. However, the physical transfer of access controls could be accomplished with little or no advance warning.)

(4. Indications of Soviet responses to possible Western actions in the event of turnover, harassment, or blockade remain consistent with the judgments stated in SNIE 100-2-59.)

(5. There were no major intelligence indications of Western allied diplomatic intentions, apart from information obtained through official contacts with US representatives.)

(6. There are no significant changes in the West Berlin situation.)

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LATE ITEM

***USSR:** Moscow's note of 21 April to Bonn, charging that measures to equip West German forces with nuclear weapons are designed to confront forthcoming East-West negotiations with a fait accompli, is a further Soviet move to discredit the Adenauer government and set the stage for Soviet proposals for a nuclear-free zone in Europe in the talks. The warning that negotiations will be doomed to failure if Bonn persists in its rearmament program is another step in Moscow's effort to establish in advance the rationale and justification for unilateral actions regarding Berlin and a separate peace treaty with East Germany in the event the talks fail. By focusing attention on the controversial issue of arming West Germany with modern weapons, the Soviet leaders are seeking to sharpen differences among the Western allies on the eve of the foreign ministers' conference.

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I. THE COMMUNIST BLOC

Communist China May Be Preparing to Produce MIG-19s

[redacted] Communist China, with Soviet assistance, is preparing to produce the **FARMER (MIG-19)** twin-jet interceptor. Soviet personnel from Aircraft Engine Plant 26 in Ufa, which has been producing **FARMER** engines, now are in China. They are probably at Plant 410 in Mukden, which has been producing engines for the **MIG-17**. Preparation may have been under way for a considerable time; [redacted]
[redacted] Plant 410 was developing a "new technology."

A possible production site for airframes is Plant 112 in Mukden, which produces the **MIG-17** and is known to be producing a "new article." Another possibility is the Sian area, where there are several little-known plants connected with the aircraft industry and where Soviet technicians familiar with **MIG**-type aircraft have been identified.

At least three of the Soviet specialists involved have been sent to China by the department of the Soviet Engineering Directorate that has accounted for most of the sharp increase noted recently in Soviet military deliveries to China. This suggests that at least part of these increased shipments are plant equipment for production of **FARMERS**.

The **USSR** no longer produces the **FARMER**, but **Czechoslovakia** is believed to have started serial production recently. About one and a half to two years would be required from the inception of the program until the Chinese could begin producing the **FARMER** in significant quantities. [redacted]
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II. ASIA-AFRICA

Indonesia

The expected departure of President Sukarno on 23 April for a two-month tour of Europe and Latin America has given rise to new rumors of political changes and maneuvers.

[redacted] the orthodox Moslem Nahdlatul Ulama intends to withdraw from the cabinet, thereby precipitating its collapse and paving the way for the formation of a new army-dominated cabinet and the banning of the Communist party. [redacted]

[redacted] Army Chief of Staff General Nasution has not yet decided to cooperate. Other speculation has been advanced as to possible army moves during Sukarno's absence, most of it, however, strongly implying Sukarno's prior knowledge or even his instructions. Nasution, in fact, has indicated to American officials that he is still working closely with Sukarno and has no plans for an early move against the Communists.

[redacted] (Prime Minister Djuanda plans to visit the Soviet Union in late June or early July at the invitation of Moscow. Although this initially appeared to be a courtesy visit, Djuanda is now reported planning to discuss present and future aid programs with emphasis on arms.)

Meanwhile, an Indonesian Army purchasing mission, which has been shopping in Yugoslavia and the West since early March, is now believed in Czechoslovakia. Since the mission probably could not obtain in the West either the liberal credit terms or the quantities of materiel it was instructed to request, the bulk of its purchases are likely to come from Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, and Poland.

Ninety more Indonesian Air Force cadets are scheduled to leave soon for Czechoslovakia for two years' pilot training, [redacted]
[redacted] Some 70 to 150 air force personnel

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are reported already there undergoing pilot and technical training.

An Indonesian mission will leave for Peiping on 21 April to discuss utilization of \$20,000,000 of a \$40,000,000 credit extended by China last year. Approximately \$11,500,000 of the loan has been spent for a textile mill, and the amount now under negotiation has also been earmarked for the textile industry.

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Japanese Elections

Japan's top political leaders have injected national issues into the election campaign for important gubernatorial and municipal offices on 23 April. These issues include the Socialist leadership's recent identification of the party generally with the Chinese Communist position on Asian questions and the conservatives' policy of cooperation with the United States. This will be the first such contest between the ruling Liberal-Democratic party and the Socialist party since they were organized in 1955, and the outcome may have a band-wagon effect in the important June upper-house elections.

Primary political interest is centered on the campaigns for the governorships of the Tokyo metropolitan area, the island of Hokkaido, and Osaka and Fukuoka prefectures. The elections will hinge largely on personalities and local issues, and the outcome is likely to be close.

Conservative defeats, especially in Tokyo and to a lesser extent in Osaka or Hokkaido, could have an adverse effect on Prime Minister Kishi's personal position, and probably would encourage party dissidents to renew their attacks on his leadership.

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